

The Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center and Consul General Michael Engelhard of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany are honoring Mr. Miller for his 39 years of reporting German-American affairs for the Plain Dealer. In this period he has served as a columnist, reporter and assistant editor.

In 1990 Miller covered the lives of Germans, among other central and eastern Europeans, in the wake of the fall of communism. From this experience he wrote a series of articles entitled "Life After the Wall." This series won the 1991 National Writing Award of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada. Additionally the series was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Miller was named German-American Journalist of the Year in January 1996 by the Federation of German-American Societies of Greater Cleveland. Miller also received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Journalistic Society's Cleveland Chapter in May of 1991.

Miller has also been recognized by numerous other ethnic groups. The Asian/Pacific Federation in Cleveland presented him with their Community Service award for his writings in 1989. In 1994, Miller became the first non-Greek to be awarded the Hellenic Award from the Greek Orthodox Church of North America and Canada. In addition Miller has received awards for his coverage of the Greater Cleveland German, Irish, Filipino, Italian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Ukrainian, Latvian and Czech communities.

I ask you to join me in honoring William F. Miller upon his reception of this distinguished award.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 29, 2002, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Number 5, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 335, a resolution honoring the contributions of Catholic schools.

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 5.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANKLIN AND JOY BURNS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Franklin L. and Joy S. Burns for their extraordinary contributions to their community and to their state. As residents of Colorado, Franklin and Joy dedicated their lives to improving Colorado by selflessly giving their time and energy to their jobs, their family and their community. Although Franklin has passed, it is impossible to forget his extraordinary accomplishments, and we are all tremendously grateful to Joy for all that she has done and for carrying on

Franklin's legacy of achievement, philanthropy and success. As we celebrate their induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, it is an honor for me to pay tribute to such extraordinary people.

In 1938, Franklin, a Denver native, went to work the D.C. Burns Realty & Trust Company, which was founded by his uncle, Daniel Cochran Burns. The company was dedicated to providing affordable housing for low-income families, selling houses for only ten percent down long before the Federal Housing Authority came into existence. At the age of 28, Franklin became President of the company and began developing subdivisions and shopping centers in and around Denver. Under Franklin's leadership, the company developed more than 13,000 pieces of property totaling \$129 million.

In 1958, Franklin met Joy Steelman Colwick at a golf tournament at Cherry Hills Country Club, and by 1960, they were married. Joy immediately contributed to the success of her husband and his company and by the 1970s she was making quite an impact of her own. Having studied business at the University of Houston, she founded The Women's Bank, now known as the Colorado Business Bank, in 1976. She then remodeled the Hampshire House, which her husband's company had bought, and turned it into what is known today as the Burnsley Hotel, a Denver landmark. The hotel opened in 1985 and Joy remained involved with it, serving as President until 1993. She now serves as President of her husband's company, the D.C. Burns Realty & Trust Company.

Not only were Franklin and Joy extraordinarily successful in the business world, but they also made significant philanthropic contributions to their community, city and state. Franklin was active in a number of charitable organizations in Denver, including the Inter-County Regional Planning Commission, Mount Airy Psychiatric Center, the United Way and Mercy Hospital. Joy, too, has devoted a significant amount of her time and energy to the community. She has been a long-time volunteer at the University of Denver, serving as the Chair of the Board of Trustees and as the President of the University of Denver's Pioneer Sportswoman. In appreciation of her tremendous contributions to the University, DU named the Joy Burns Ice arena in her honor. Joy is also the founder of the Women's Foundation of Colorado, was the only female member of the Metropolitan Football Stadium Board and serves as President of the Sports-women Colorado Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Franklin and Joy Burns have, for over fifty years, made extraordinary contributions to the community of Denver through both their business and charitable endeavors. It is not only their unparalleled business savvy that I wish to bring before this body of Congress, but also their selflessness and love for their community. Though deeply saddened by Franklin's passing, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Joy on their joint induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, and want to take this opportunity to thank her for carrying on her husband's legacy. We are proud of you both!

#### HONORING NANCY PELOSI

#### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in honoring my esteemed colleague, Representative NANCY PELOSI of California, and celebrating her election to the post of Democratic Whip of the House.

This is not just an important moment for Representative PELOSI, it is an historic moment for this great body, and a deciding moment for women in our country.

This year, we celebrate the 85th anniversary of the swearing in of Jeannette Rankin of Montana to the Congress. Representative Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress, and a leader of the women's suffrage movement, would, indeed, be pleased and proud to see NANCY PELOSI ascend to her position of leadership in the House. And she probably would have asked, "What took you so long?"

We've never had a woman whip. We've never had any woman in one of the top leadership positions in either house of Congress.

In the race, NANCY got encouragement from unexpected places. The elevator operators, the high school pages in the hallways, the wait staff in the dining room, were whispering, "Go NANCY, Go" as she walked past.

They cheered because they saw in her a little bit of themselves—people who, traditionally, have no seat at the table or in the back room. Every time a woman or a person of color or a person with a disability enters the halls of power, they bring with them the multitudes of people whose voices, typically, are not heard.

By being in those halls, in those Chambers, in those boardrooms and backrooms, and on the podium, we make those places look a little bit more like America.

As women we bring our life experiences to the job. We can effect change because we prioritize issues as we know them, as we understand them. And because of that, having a seat at the table matters. Having a seat at the head of the table matters even more.

NANCY PELOSI brings a woman's perspective to the House leadership and it is long overdue. She also brings her keen intelligence, her political savvy, her deep-seated principles, her energy, and her desire to make our world more decent and democratic.

NANCY PELOSI now makes the leadership of our great House of Representatives look a little bit more like America and we are all better for it.

#### TRIBUTE TO JESSE FAYE FIELDS

#### HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the life, community service, and family devotion of Jesse Faye Fields, the mother of my good friend and former congressional colleague, Jack Fields, Jr. Mrs. Fields recently passed away at the age of 76. With her late husband, Mrs. Fields owned and operated Rosewood Funeral Homes and Cemeteries in Humble, TX, for several decades. Together they built the business into one of the